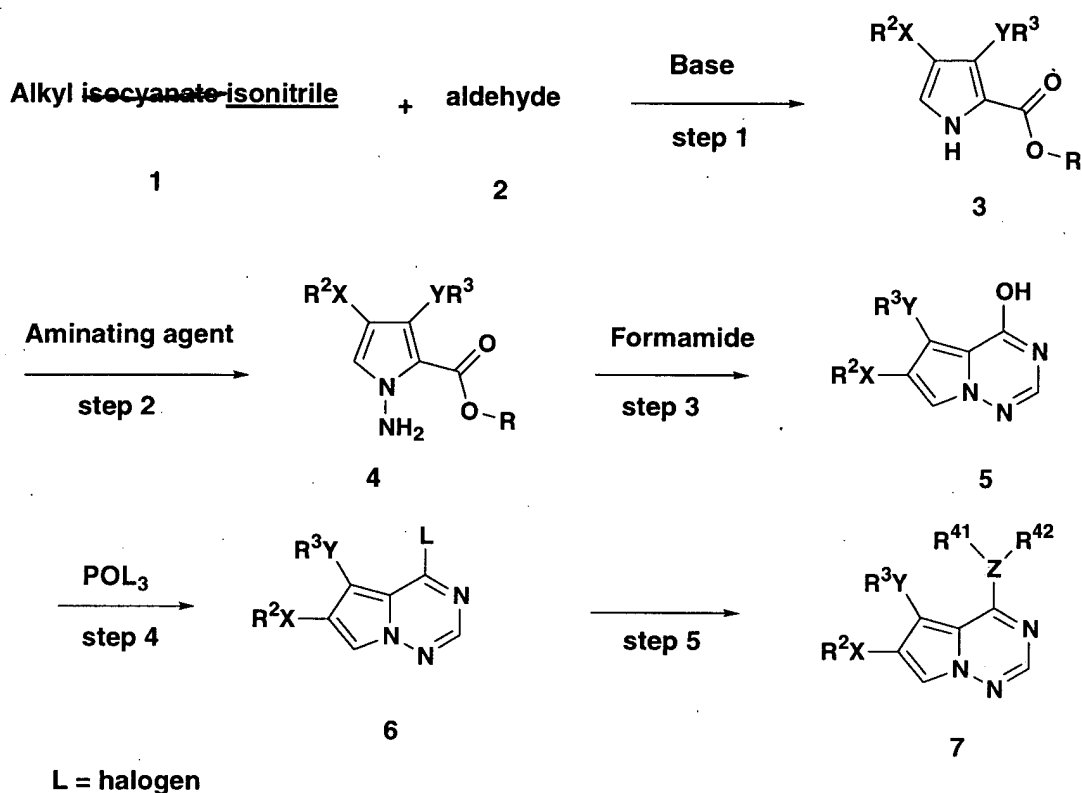


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 20, please make the following amendments:

Scheme 1



Step 1

This step is accomplished by the reaction of two equivalents of optionally substituted aldehyde (1) such as isobutyraldehyde, with alkyl ~~isonitrile~~ isocyanate in the presence of a mild base like DBU to obtain compound 3.